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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senator
524 Ludington Street, Suite LL103
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Senator Levin:

Thank you for your November 15, 2012 letter regarding the Marquette Road Commission's permit application to construct County Road 595.

As noted in my September 18, 2012 letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing numerous public comments prior to making a final decision on this project. In our experience, the time required to complete the hearing process ranges from two months for simple projects, to a year or more for more complex projects. In the case of County Road 595 which is a complex project, we are expediting our review with the aim of completing our work by December 1, 2012.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please call me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at 312-886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Hedman".

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator